

REMARKS:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on July 21, 2009 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. This office action is a rejection of claims 1-40 of the application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7, 9-10, 13-16, 19, 21-22, 25-28, and 30-31 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Dorenbosch (US6,768,726), in view of Phillips (US6,370,399), further in view of Aoki (US5,983,090); rejected claims 5-6, 8, 17-18, 20, 29, and 32 under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over over Dorenbosch, in view of Phillips, further in view of Aoki, and further in view of Lim (UIS 6,349,224); rejected claims 11-12 and 23-24 under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Dorenbosch in view of Phillips further in view of Aoki and further in view of Brandenberger (US6,570,782); and rejected claims 32-40 under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Dorenbosch in view of Phillips further in view of Aoki and further in view of Cui (US2004/0204069). The Applicants respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 1, 13, 25, and 29 have been amended for clarification. Claims 1, 5-6, 8, 13, 17-18, 20, 25, 31-34, and 36 have been amended for mere formality to remove acronyms. Claims 11-12 and 23-24 have been cancelled. Support for the amendments can be found at least in paragraphs [0017], [0030], and [0033] of the published application. No new matter is added.

Interview Summary

On October 5, 2009, the undersigned agent conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner. At that time, with reference to the independent claims, the references including Dorenbosch, Phillips, and Aoki were discussed. The Applicant's Representative stressed that the interface between the mobile station and the computing device is a local interface and that, as described in at least paragraph [0033] of the published application, the computing device and the mobile station communicate directly over the internet protocol connection without involving another network such as a cellular network. Further, the references cited can not be seen to relate to a

mobile station assigning an IP address to a computing device over such a local interface. The Applicant's Representative asserted that at least these features are not disclosed in the cited references. Although no agreement was reached regarding the current rejections of the pending claims, the Examiner did agree that including the language relating to communication between the mobile station and the computing device occurring over a local infrared, universal serial bus, or Bluetooth interface, as described in at least paragraph [0030] of the published application, may overcome the rejection and lead to a possible allowance. The Examiner also indicated that he would contact the Applicant's Representative regarding the proposed amendment before issuing another Office Action for the instant application. The Applicant's Representative submits that this Interview Summary is a complete response to any pending PTOL-413 or other form required for this Interview. The Applicant's Representative sincerely thanks the Examiner for the Interview.

Although the Applicants do not expressly or impliedly agree with the rejections, in order to further prosecution of the application the Applicants have amended, as discussed in the Interview stated above, at least the independent claims.

The Applicants note that claim 1 has been amended to recite in part:

where communications between the mobile station and the computing device occur over the internet protocol connection using the local interface and where the local interface is at least one of a short range infrared, universal serial bus, and bluetooth interface

The Applicants submits that none of the references cited can be seen to disclose or suggest at least where claim 1 recites:

A method comprising: initiating a set up of an internet protocol connection between a mobile station and a computing device, the internet protocol connection being one that terminates at the mobile station, the initiation of the set up of the internet protocol connection comprising receiving a command from the computing device over a local interface between the mobile station and the computing device; establishing the internet protocol connection between the

mobile station and the computing device comprising the mobile station assigning an internet protocol address to the computing device and an internet protocol address to the mobile station, and configuring an internet protocol stack at the mobile station; and in response to receiving over the internet protocol connection an internet protocol message at the mobile station from the computing device, routing the received internet protocol message to an application that is resident in the mobile station, where communications between the mobile station and the computing device occur over the internet protocol connection using the local interface and where the local interface is at least one of a short range infrared, universal serial bus, and bluetooth interface

The Applicants submit that, for at least the reasons stated above, the references cited can not be seen to disclose or suggest claim 1 and the rejection should be removed.

Further, for at least the reasons that independent claims 13 and 25 recite features similar to claim 1, as stated above, the references cited can not be seen to disclose or suggest these claims. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to remove the rejection of these claims.

In addition, for at least the reasons that claims 2-10, 14-22, and 26-40 depend from claims 1, 13, and 25, respectively, the rejections of these claims should be removed.

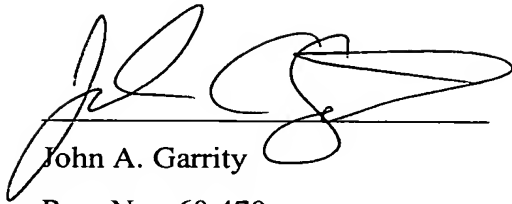
Further, for at least the reasons stated above, the references cited cannot be found to disclose or suggest the subject matter found claims 1-10, 13-22, and 25-40.

The Applicants respectfully request that, for at least the reasons stated above, the Examiner reconsider and remove the rejections of claims 1-10, 13-22, and 25-40 and to allow all of the pending claims 1-10, 13-22, and 25-40 as now presented for examination.

It is noted that, as indicated in the Interview, should any unresolved issue remain the Examiner will call Applicants' attorney to discuss any such issue.

Respectfully submitted:

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